

REMARKS

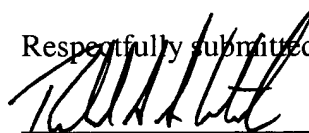
In response to the Office Action mailed 18 March 2005, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

The Examiner has restricted examination of Claims 1-36 in this application; specifically, Claims 1-18 (Group I) are drawn to a method of attenuating jet engine noise, and Claims 19-36 (Group II) are drawn to a system to attenuate jet engine noise. Although the Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction (specifically noting that the Groups are not related as process of making and product made), the Applicants elect to pursue Claims 19-36 of Group II in this application for patent. Therefore, the Applicants have canceled Claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

The Examiner has noted that there are three separate species of invention illustrated in Figures 9, 10 and 11, respectively. However, the Applicants note that these are species of the invention described in non-elected Group I. Therefore, the Applicants are not making an election between these species, as these species are not within the elected Group for examination.

If any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below so that a resolution can be most effectively reached.

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